has no further jurisdiction under SICA to deel with these cases unless the cases are remanded back to the BIFR by the Court. The names of these 10 companies are given here under:

1. Tennery and Footwer Company Limited
2. National Bicycle Corporation of India Limited
3. British India Corporation Limited
4. The Elgin Mills Limited
5. Bharat Process and Mechanical Engineering
6. Mandya National Paper Limited
7. Weighbird India Limited
8. Cawnoore Textiles Limited
9. Iisco Ujjain Pipe & Foundry Company Limited
10. Swadeshi Mining & Manufacturing Company Limited

(c) and (d) BIFR has reported that reference received from the sick industrial companies are dealt with in accordance with the provisions of SICA, and equal opportunity is given to all concerned including workers of sick industrial companies and their views are heard by the BIFR before appropriate directions are given in such cases.

Impact of Single Currency of European Union on Software Companies

657. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a study has been made on the likely impact of the introduction of the Euro, the single currency of the European Union from January 1, 1999 on the Indian software companies;

(b) if so, the details of the study made; and

(c) steps being taken to regulate any sudden flight of the trained cadres of the information technology industry from the country?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA): (a) No Sir

(b) Does not arise.

(c) There appears to be no special threat of a sudden flight of the trained cadres of the Information Technology Sector.

Impact of Two-by-Four Economic Criteria Provisions of Income Tax Act

658. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have analysed the impact of the new two by-four economic criteria provisions of the Income Tax Act for filing returns, on revenue collection and the administrative burden of managing a large pool of assessees;

(b) if so, the broad details of the returns received and the results of the analysis made; and

(c) whether it will be feasible or judicious to justify the continuance of the scheme since it may bring in large number of petty/low income assessees but at the cost of large income assessees due to constraints of manpower and other infrastructural difficulties?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI R. JANARTHANAM): (a) and (b) The due date for filing return of income under the new two-by-four economic criteria was 28-2-98 for assessment year 1997-98. On the basis of the availalble information, it is found that there is an increase in the total number of income tax assessees by 20% over the last year as against the usual average growth of 15% during the past years. The details of returns received indicating the growth in tax base is enclosed at statement (*See* below)

(c) There is a valid assumption behind the provisions casting the obligation on persons to file the return of income in cases where two out of the four economic indicators are satisfied. It is expected that any such person who fulfills two out of the four economic criteria would reasonably have taxable income. Such a

measure was justified in the context of immediate need to widen the tax base and to enforce people having taxable income to file their return of income. Under this scheme the return to be filed is not the usual return of income but an early, simplified form of return seeking minimum details obviating any need for employing extra man-power and resources. Such simple return under the new scheme does not require any detailed scrutiny.

Statement

Increase in Returns Filed

City	No. of Assessees as on 1-4-97	No. of Assessees as on 28-2-98	Growth	%age
Delhi	646798	824268	177470	27.44
Bangalore	561804	646126	84322	15.01
Mumbai	1149673	1420253	270580	23.54
Hyderabad	161444	221088	59644	36.94
Jaipur	92374	116374	24000	25.98
Ahmedabad	291567	361577	70010	24.01
Pune	250486	286281	35795	14.29
Kanpur	334095	381022	46927	14.05
Chandigarh	734620	944732	210112	28.60
Gur & Far	56550	77989	21439	37.91
Chennai	241274	296692	55218	22.87
Ghaziabad	30742	37188	6446	20.97
Ludhiana	80603	116464	35861	44.49
Calcutta	1341179	1438244	97065	7.24
TOTAL	5973409	7168298	1194889	20.00

Shortfall in Revenue Collections

659. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether it is a fact that there has been huge shortfall in revenue from incometax and corporate tax in 1997-98;

(b) if so, what was the estimated revenue collection from incometax and corporate tax and what has been the actual collections; and

(c) the reasons for the shortfall in the revenue collection and how does Government propose to overcome them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI R. JANARATHANAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The table given below shows the increase/decrease over Budget Estimates and Revised Estimates for the Financial Year 1997-98:—

Taxes	Budget Estimates	Revised Estimates	Actual Collections
	(Rs. in crores)		
Corporate Tax	21860	21360	19835
Income-tax	21700	18700	17150
TOTAL	43560	40060	36985